



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hisao YASUHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745 -

Application No.: 09/865,468

Examiner: G. Cantelmo

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Docket No.: 109375

For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PRETREATMENT OF METAL SAMPLES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 6, 2004 Office Action, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.